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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF A, I CALLED ON MFA SECGEN ELEKDAG AFTERNOON MARCH 15 AND REPEATED MY APPEAL OF MARCH 11 (REF B) THAT GOT URGE TURKISH-CYPRIOTS TO PRESENT REASONABLE AND DETAILED CONSTITUTIONAL PROPOSAL DURING FORTHCOMING VIENNA TALKS. I ALSO ASKED THAT GOT DO WHAT IT COULD TO INSURE THAT EFFECTIVE PROCEDURAL ARRANGE-MENTS WERE WORKED OUT IN ADVANCE OF THE VIENNA TALKS SO THAT THEY NOT BREAK DOWN FOR NON-SUBSTANTIVE REASONS. I SAID THAT WE WERE MAKING SMILIAR APPEAL TO OTHER SIDE.

2. ELEKDAG SAID THAT TURKISH-CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH HAD EARLIER BEEN VERY DESIROUS OF PROCEEDING WITH NEGOTIATIONS WITH ARCHBISHOP MAKARIOS. RECENTLY, HOWEVER, HE HAD SEEMED TO DEVELOP A CERTAIN RELUCTANCE AND APPEARED TO BE THINKING OF ARRANGING FOR THE TURKISH FEDERATED STATE OF
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CYPRUS (TFSC) PARLIAMENT TO PUR PRESSURES ON DENKTASH HIM-SELF TO RESTRAIN AND LIMIT HIS NEOGITATING ABILITY. ELE-KDAG SAID THAT HAVING GOTTEN WIND OF THIS, HE HAD DISCUSSED IT WITH PRIMIN DEMIREL. HE HAD THEN, IN DEMIREL'S NAME, SENT A TELEGRAM TO DENKTASH, TELLING HIM "TO PREVENT SUCH A SITUATION FROM ARISING". ELEKDAG SAID, "WE HOPE HE WILL REACT ACCORDINGLY. WE ARE DOING OUR UTMOST TO PERSUADE HIM

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TO COME UP WITH FORTHCOMING PROPOSALS." ELEKDAG ALSO SAID THE GOT WAS DOING ITS BEST TO SEE THAT FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL IS ABLE TO LIVE UP TO HIS COMMITMENT TO SECRETARY CLIFFORD. HE POINTED OUT THAT THERE ARE "CIRCLES INSIDE THE GOVERNMENT ADAMANTLY OPPOSED TO TURKEY'S TAKING A FORTHCOMING POSITION AT THE VIENNA TALKS." NEVERTHELESS, ELEKDAG SAID GOT WAS DOING ALL IT COULD TO COME UP WITH A "SUPPLE, FLEXIBLE AND POSITIVE PROPOSAL".

3. WITH RESPECT TO PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS, MFA DIRECTOR CYPRUS-GREEK AFFAIRS GUVENDIREN, WHO WAS WITH ELEKDAG IN MEETING, SAID THAT IT WAS GOT IMPRESSION THAT TURKISH-CYPRIOTS HAD TAKEN A VERY FLEXIBLE VIEW CONCERNING PROCEDURAL ARRANGEMENTS. HE SAID GOT WAS NOT COMPLETELY CURRENT BUT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT PEREZ DE CUELLAR HAD EARLIER PROPOSED THAT THE VIENNA SESSION BE FOLLOWED BY A SESSION IN NICOSIA BE-GINNING APRIL 20. DENKTASH HAD REPORTEDLY AGREED WITH THAT DATE, BUT GREEK-CYPRIOT PRESS HAD LATER INDICATED THAT THE GREEK-CYPRIOTS WERE TAKINGTHE POSITION THAT THE SCHEDULING OF A SUBSEQUENT MEETING SHOULD BE DEPENDENT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE VIENNA TALKS. CONCERNING PROCEDURES FOR THE VIENNA TALKS, GUVENDIREN SAID THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT PEREZ DE CUELLAR HAD PROPOSED SIMULTANEOUS DISCUSSION OF THE VARIOUS ISSUES; I.E., A MORNING SESSION ON TERRITORY AND AN AFTERNOON SESSION ON THE CONSTITUTION. THIS PROPOSAL HAD BEEN ACCEPTABLE TO THE TURKISH-CYPRIOTS BUT ONCE AGAIN, GUVENDIREN SAID, THE GREEK-CYPRIOT PRESS INDICATED THAT GREEK-CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR PAPADOPOULOS WAS INSISTING ON TAKING UP ONE SUBJECT AT A TIME AND COMPLETING NEGOTIATIONS ON THAT
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SUBJECT BEFORE GOING ON TO ANOTHER. GUVENDIREN SAID IT APPEARED TO THE GOT THAT THE DIFFICULTY WITH RESPECT TO PROCEDURES WAS RESULT OF A RIGID GREEK-CYPRIOT ATTITUDE.

4. WE THEN TURNED TO OTHER SUBJECTS BEING REPORTED SEPTELS.
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